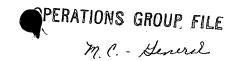
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1--The main problem I find with the "payoff" for the Muslim funding is that a good deal of it has little or nothing to do with the Muslim world as such. We would have comered the Iran hostage issue without Muslim funding, and Soviet media-satellite monitoring, the technical upgrading of some bureau facilities, and MIDAS have nothing to do with the Muslim world.

2--Merely listing the number of new publications subscribed to or new broadcasts now on coverage does not justify anything. The question is what is the real intelligence take from these new sources?

3. I think we have gone a bit overboard on the Muslim world in general and Soviet Central Asia in particular. Prod is complaining that they don't have the funds to do Soviet republic party leader speeches, but they seem to have ample resources to process atticles on atheism or Uzbek poetry. Joyce makes a very valid ppint: Many of the analysts who were assigned to coverage of the Muslim world are not the best people to ask about coverage priorities: they have an obvious self-interest in preserving the coverage which now exists. Begore we go any further with this program, we should try to determine what the real intelligence priorities are for the USSR. Should we continue to focus on the Soviet nationality problem? Should we continue to focus on Central Asia? AG, inconsultation with high-level Agency and State managers, should be able to provide some guidance here. Otherwise, we may be devoting a good part of out monitorial and analytical resources to an already outdate enthusiasm fostered by a previous administration.



FCS Comment:

I think Joyce demonstrates considerable substantive results from our efforts funded under the "Muslim World" rubris. The question that recurs throughout as I read this, however, is: Have these efforts met the needs of the Intelligence Community and, more importantly, will they continue to meet the requirements of the Community under the new administration? Isour collection effort properly focused? I can't help feeling that under the influence of the thrust of our "Muslim World" coverage has been weighted too heavily toward Soviet Muslim and Soviet nationalities collection and too little toward the rest of the Islamic world. I think we need a much broader review of consumers of our Muslim World products -- not only those dealing with Soviet minorities who appear to focus almosts entirely on publications coverage.

I too have difficulty fitting coverage of Soviet satellite transmissions and Daily Report automation under Muslim World.

A few suggested factual achanges:

Under "Substantive Payoffs" (Gulf Bureau) on page 1: Islamabad

International Dari is not only not now being covered by any other bureau,

it has a never been covered before.

On page 2, reference to Gulf's publishable wordage is unclear to me.

Does it mean that they file 5,800 publishable words per day and 2,700 actually get published?

Under "Islamabad Monitoring Unit" (page 5): Alma Ata coverage is still being taken at Vienna Bureau as well as Islamabad. Islamabad provides broader coverage capability.